

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**January 2010****REPORT ON RACE TO THE TOP****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

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Item**COMMISSIONER'S GOALS NOS. 1-4:**

Missouri students will rank in the top 10 as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and other national and international measures of accountability.

Missouri will provide quality, universal early childhood educational opportunities to all three and four-year olds as measured by numbers of children served and a research-based kindergarten readiness assessment.

Missouri will recruit, prepare and support effective teachers and leaders as measured by the number of qualified professionals entering the profession, demonstrated mastery of skills and competencies, and improved student performance.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will create statewide knowledge of and respect for public education through improved departmental efficiency, operational effectiveness and positive relationships with external constituencies as measured by key management benchmarks and constituent surveys.

SUMMARY:

The Department has been working on its Race to the Top grant application which is due to the U.S. Department of Education on January 19, 2010.

The Department convened a stakeholders' forum on November 23, 2009, with nearly 300 participants; conducted numerous webinars with over 700 participants; and administered a survey over a seven (7) day period which resulted in nearly 5,000 responses from across the state and across constituencies.

After weeks of sorting through mounds of reports, data, emails, letters, webinar comments, surveys, expert opinions, etc., the Department has developed a coherent, comprehensive plan for school reform that blends bold with collaborative, innovative with responsible. The plan reflects the State Board's and Commissioner's goals and outlines strategies for advancing this work. And, although the plan is submitted, the work in developing specific implementation plans will continue.

A thorough review of the application and the plan for school reform will be discussed with the State Board.

PRESENTER(S):

Michael Muenks, Margie Vandeven, Leigh Ann Grant Engle and Robin Coffman will present and assist in the discussion.

